## STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, the State of Montana is home to over 3,000 lakes, which serve as essential water storage facilities, points of recreation, and habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, Montana lakes help define our way of life, contributing to a healthy environment and supporting good-paying jobs and businesses in Montana waterfront and lakeside communities; and

WHEREAS, many organizations and volunteers have demonstrated the importance of protecting Montana's lakes by actively monitoring their water quality;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim July 2023

## LAKES APPRECIATION MONTH

in Montana to encourage Montanans to recognize and take care of our beautiful lakes.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor